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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	Bankruptcy Appeal
MAYWOOD CAPITAL CORP., et. al.,	Case No. 08 cv 00942 (DC)
Debtor.	

# AFFIDAVIT OF LAURENCE MAY IN OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR A STAY PENDING APPEAL

STATE OF NEW YORK	)
	) SS.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK	)

LAURENCE MAY, ESQ., of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath deposes and says:

- 1. I am an attorney-at-law of the State of New York and a member of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, P.A., counsel for Mark Irgang, Jay Irgang, Orli Irgang and the Irgang entities (collectively, the "Irgang Group"). I am authorized to submit this Affidavit in opposition to the motion for a stay pending appeal by 125<sup>th</sup> Street Owner, LLC ("Shapiro") and in opposition to the appeal of Judge Drain's December 20, 2007 Order.
- 2. The Chapter 11 petitions for these Debtor were all filed on February 19, 2005, and are being jointly administered under the caption of "In re Maywood Corp. et al.," Case No. 05-

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10987, before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the Honorable Robert D. Drain. On March 24, 2005, the Bankruptcy Court entered orders appointing a Chapter 11 trustee ("Trustee") for Maywood Capital Corp. and 46 of its affiliated entities (the "Maywood Debtors").

- 3. On June 6, 2005, the Trustee filed eight (8) adversary proceeding complaints against the Irgang Group claiming that the Debtors' pre-petition sale of eight (8) properties (collectively, the "Irgang Properties") to the Irgang Group were for insufficient consideration and were fraudulent conveyances. The eight (8) Irgang Properties are commonly known as 148 West 124<sup>th</sup> Street, New York; 27 West 131<sup>st</sup> Street, New York; 6 East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York; 917 Eagle Avenue, New York; 2093 Madison Avenue, New York; 65-67 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York; 77 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York; and 79 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York (the 65-67 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 77 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street and 79 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties are referred to as the "125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties").
- On February 22, 2007, the Trustee filed twelve (12) adversary proceeding complaint against Bodden Funding Corporation ("Bodden") and the Irgangs seeking to set aside certain mortgages against the Irgang Properties on the grounds that they were constructive fraudulent transfers. Specifically, the Trustee sought to set aside mortgages that the Debtors granted to BRT Realty Trust and Kennedy Funding Inc., which were subsequently acquired by Bodden.
- 5. The Trustee and Irgang Group proceeded to trial on the 2005 Adversary

  Proceedings on August 28, 29 and 31, 2007, before Judge Drain. On November 12, 2007, before

  Judge Drain had issued a decision in connection with the Adversary Proceedings, the Trustee

  filed the Approval Motion to approve the sale of the three (3) 125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties to Shapiro.

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The sale of the 125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties to Shapiro or another third-party was contingent on the Court finding in favor of the Trustee in connection with the Adversary Proceedings.

- 6. At the outset of the December 10, 2007 hearing, the Trustee advised the Bankruptcy Court that he had received an unsolicited offer that was more than \$1 million greater than Shapiro's offer. Based on the existence of higher and better offers, Judge Drain denied the Approval Motion and directed the Trustee to conduct an auction of the three (3) 125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties.
- 7. At the auction, the Irgang Group submitted a bid which resulted in them reaching a full settlement with the Trustee of twenty (20) separate adversary proceedings. On January 25, 2008, the Trustee filed a motion to approve the Settlement of the Adversary Proceedings. On February 14, 2007, Judge Drain granted the Settlement Motion and issued the Settlement Order approving the Settlement. (True copies of the Settlement Order and transcript of the February 14<sup>th</sup> hearing are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively.)
- 8. The Settlement Order resolved all issues of ownership to the Irgang Properties in favor of the Irgang Group, which will own the Properties free and clear of liens, mortgages, judgments, encumbrances and claims held by the Maywood Debtors and their creditors. The Irgang Group has agreed to pay \$15 million in connection with the Settlement. The Settlement Order requires the Irgang Group and Trustee to close the Settlement by April 15, 2008 (or as extended in accordance with the terms of the Settlement).
- 9. Shapiro failed to appeal the Settlement Order. In fact, Shapiro consented to the entry of the Settlement Order. Shapiro never filed and/or raised any opposition to the Trustee's motion to approve the Settlement.

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10.	The Irgang Group respectfully request that the Court deny Shapiro's stay motion
and dismiss t	he appeal.
	/s/ Laurence May LAURENCE MAY
Sworn and su	
before me thi	s 6 <sup>th</sup> day
of March, 20	08.
/s/	
Notary Public	

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

MAYWOOD CAPITAL CORP., et al.,

Debtors.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 2093 MADISON AVE. REALTY CORP.,

Plaintiff.

v.

2093 MADISON LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 148 WEST 124TH STREET REALTY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

148 WEST 124TH ST. LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG.

Defendants.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 27 EAST 131ST STREET REALTY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

27 EAST 131ST ST. LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

Case No. 05-10987 (RDD) Chapter 11

(Jointly Administered) Case Nos. 04-17047, 05-10944 to 05-10987, 05-11521 and 05-11523 (RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02095 (RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02090(RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02093 (RDD)

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 6 EAST 132ND STREET APARTMENT CORP.,

Plaintiff,

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6 EAST 132ND STREET LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 65-67 EAST 125TH STREET REALTY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

65-67 EAST 125TH STREET LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 77 EAST 125TH STREET REALTY LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

77-79 E. 125TH STREET LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 79 EAST 125TH STREET REALTY LLC,

Plaintiff.

V.

77-79 E. 125TH STREET LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02091 (RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02096 (RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02092 (RDD)

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02089 (RDD)

JOHN S. PEREIRA, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 917 EAGLE AVENUE REALY CORP.,

Plaintiff,

v.

917 EAGLE AVENUE LLC, JAY IRGANG, MARK IRGANG AND ORLI IRGANG,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 05-02094(RDD)

### ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Upon the motion dated January 25, 2008 (the "Motion") of John S. Pereira, Chapter 11 Trustee of Maywood Capital Corp. ("Maywood Capital"), 2093 Madison Avenue Realty Corp. ("2093 Corp."), 6 East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street Realty Corp. ("6 East Corp."), 27 East 131<sup>st</sup> Street Realty Corp. ("27 East Corp."), 148 W. 124th Street Realty Corp. ("148 West Corp."), 917 Eagle Avenue Realty Corp. ("917 Eagle Corp."), 65-67 East 125th Street Realty Corp. ("65-67 Street Realty"), 77 East 125th Street Realty LLC ("77 Street Realty") and 79 East 125th Street LLC ("79 Street Realty" and, collectively with 2093 Corp., 6 East Corp., 27 East Corp., 148 West Corp., 917 Eagle Corp. 65-67 Street Realty and 77 Street Realty, the "Eight Debtors") and their related debtors whose estates are being jointly administered with Maywood Capital and the Eight Debtors (collectively, the "Maywood Debtors") and Mark Irgang, Jay Irgang and Orli Irgang (collectively, the "Irgangs"), 2093 Madison LLC, 148 West 124th Street LLC, 27 East 131st Street LLC, 6 East 132<sup>nd</sup> Street LLC, 65-67 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street LLC, 77-79 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street LLC and 917 Eagle Avenue LLC, (collectively, the "Irgang LLCs") and Bodden Funding Corp. ("Bodden", and together with the Irgangs and the Irgang LLCs, the "Irgang Entities"); and the Trustee and the Irgang Entities having agreed to settle all of their claims, disputes, controversies and issues in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement Agreement, a

copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A<sup>1</sup>; and it appearing that the requested relief is reasonable and proper, and sufficient cause appearing to me therefor, it is

FOUND, DETERMINED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") 9019 and to grant the relief requested therein and to approve the Settlement Agreement pursuant to <u>inter alia</u> 11 U.S.C. § 105 (the "Bankruptcy Code").
- 2. This matter is a core proceeding within the definition and meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A)(B).
- 3. Proper, timely and adequate notice of the Motion, the relief requested therein and of the Settlement Agreement have been provided in accordance with Section 102(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004 and 6006.
- 4. All interested parties, including all known creditors of the Maywood Debtors, and all parties that have filed notices of appearances and/or proofs of claims in any of the Maywood Debtors' bankruptcy proceedings have received notice of the Motion, as reflected in the Affidavit of Service filed with the Court, and have had a reasonable opportunity to object or otherwise be heard with respect to the Motion, the relief requested therein and the Settlement Agreement.
- 5. The Trustee has demonstrated that the approval of the Settlement Agreement reflects a reasonable exercise of his business judgment on behalf of the Maywood Debtors and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Settlement Agreement or the Motion.

their estates, is in the best interests of the Maywood Debtors, their estates and their creditors, and avoids the risks, uncertainties and expenses of protracted litigation with respect to the Actions.

- 6. The terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement are fair and reasonable and are hereby approved in all respects. The Trustee is hereby directed and authorized to take all actions as are necessary and appropriate to consummate and implement the Settlement Agreement without further order of this Court.
- 7. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement, upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, the Irgang Entities shall own the eight (8) properties located at: (i) 6 East 132nd Street, New York, New York; (ii) 27 East 131st Street, New York, New York; (iii) 148 West 124th Street, New York, New York; (iv) 917 Eagle Avenue, New York, New York; (v) 65-67 East 125th Street, New York, New York; (vi) 77 East 125th Street, New York, New York; (vii) 79 East 125th Street, New York, New York; and (viii) 2093 Madison Avenue, New York, New York (collectively, the "Eight Properties"), free and clear of all claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages and judgments held by: (i) any of the Maywood Debtors; (ii) any individual or entity that invested in the Maywood Debtors either through an equity investment or participation in any investor mortgage allegedly executed by a Maywood Debtor (a "Maywood Debtor Investor"); (iii) any entity, as defined by Section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, asserting any claim on behalf of any Maywood Debtor Investor; and (iv) any of the holders of the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages to the extent set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
- 8. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing paragraph, upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, the Irgang Entities' title to the Eight Properties shall be free and clear

of the following known claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages, lis pendens and judgments:

- (i) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgage recorded on February 24, 2003 in CRFN 2003000025594 in the New York County Clerk's Office originally in favor of Commercial Mortgage Corporation (the "Commercial Mortgage");
- (ii) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgages recorded on October 15, 2001 in Reel 3373, page 2282 and January 16, 2002 in Reel 3430, page 1074 in the New York County Clerk's Office originally in favor of Community Capital Bank and assigned to Parade Place, LLC by assignments of mortgage recorded on September 13, 2005 in CRFN 2005000510178 and CRFN 2005000510179 (the "Community Capital Mortgage");
- (iii) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgage recorded on December 3, 2001 in the New York County Clerk's Office in Reel 3401 page 327 in favor of Astoria Federal Savings & Loan Association (the "Astoria Mortgage" and, collectively with the Commercial Mortgage and the Community Capital Mortgage, the "125<sup>th</sup> Street Commercial Mortgages"); and
- (iv) The assignment of leases and rents made by 65-67 East 125th St. Realty Corp. to Community Capital Bank dated August 22, 2001 and recorded on January 16, 2002 in Reel 3430 at page 1106;
- (v) A building loan agreement in the amount of \$140,000 made by 65-67 East
   125th St. Realty Corp. to Community Capital Bank dated January 14, 2002;
- (vi) All rights under a deed executed by Executive Abstract Corp. as grantor, to John S. Pereira, Trustee, dated July 19, 2005 and recorded on August 15, 2005 in CRFN 2005 000452286;

- (vii) Any rights, obligations or restrictions with respect to a notice of a bankruptcy court order dated May 2, 2005 and recorded on May 24, 2005 in CRFN 2005 000303588;
- (viii) Lis pendens filed by Community Capital Bank, Index No. 110688/04 and docketed on July 22, 2004 with respect to Block 01750, Lot 00027;
- (ix) Lis pendens filed by 65-67 East 125th Street Realty Corp., Index No. 113564/04 and docketed on September 22, 2004 with respect to Block 01750, Lot 00027;
- (x) Lis Pendens filed by John S. Pereira, Trustee, Index No. 10987/05 and docketed on June 7, 2005 with respect to Block 01750, Lot 0027;
- (xi) Uniform Commercial Code Filing by Tumbler's Inc., File No. 00PN49 169 filed on October 4, 2000;
- (xii) Assignment of leases and rents made by 2093 Madison Ave. Realty Corp. to Retirement Accounts Inc. f/b/o Jerome C. Rosenthal IRA et al. dated April 1, 2001 and recorded March 12, 2002 in Reel 3468 at page 466;
- (xiii) Assignment of leases and rents made by 2093 Madison Ave. Realty Corp. to Alpha Mortgage Investors et al. dated November 10, 1999 and recorded on February 1, 2000 in Reel 3040 at page 2202.
- (xiv) Lis pendens filed by John S. Pereira, Trustee, Index No. 10987/05 and docketed on June 7, 2005 as against Block No. 01756, Lot 00050;
- (xv) Mortgage from 2093 Madison Ave. Realty Corp. to Alpha Mortgage

  Investors et al. in the amount of \$495,000 dated November 10, 1999 and recorded on February 1,

  2000 in Reel 3040, Page 2192;

- (xvi) Assignment of Mortgage by Northern Trust Bank of FL. as Trustee of the Judith Kulman IRA RO Trust to Beta Mortgage Investors dated June 22, 2000 and recorded on December 6, 2000 in Reel 3202, Page 1662;
- (xvii) Assignment of Mortgage by West Coast Guaranty Bank a/c/f Allen S. Lewis IRA to The Provident Bank a/c/f Allen S. Lewis IRA dated April 26, 2002 and recorded on June 3, 2002 in Reel 3529 page 2229;
- (xviii) Assignment of mortgage by West Coast Guarantee Bank a/c/f Edwin V. Cooksey, IRA, to the Provident Bank a/c/f Edwin V. Cooksey IRA, dated April 26, 2002 and recorded on June 3, 2002 in Reel 3529 at page 2234;
- (xix) Mortgage from 2093 Madison Ave. Realty Corp. to Retirement Accounts, Inc. f/b/o Jerome C. Rosenthal IRA et al. in the amount of \$305,000 dated April 1, 2001 and recorded on March 12, 2002 in Reel 3468 at Page 456;
- Assignment of leases and rents made by 148 West 124th Street Realty (xx)Corp. to Richard B. and Cynthia S. Malkin et al. dated November 1, 1999 and recorded on April 19, 1999 in Reel 2858 at page 692;
- (xxi) Assignment of leases and rents made by 148 West 124th Street Realty Corp. to Marilyn Van Harken dated January 11, 1999 and recorded on March 18, 1999 in Reel 2838 at page 2393;
- (xxii) All rights under deeds recorded on May 10, 2004 in CRFN 2004 000292069 and August 10, 2004 in CRFN 2004 000490589 and executed by Executive Abstract Corp. as grantor to John S. Pereira, Trustee, as grantee;
- (xxiii) Lis pendens filed by Richard B. Malkin, Index No. 116724/04 docketed on November 24, 2004 with respect to Block 01908, Lot 0054;

- (xxiv) Lis pendens filed by John S. Pereira, Trustee, Index No. 10987/05 and docketed on June 7, 2005 with respect to Block 01908, Lot 00054;
- (xxv) Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement filed by Cynthia S. Malkin and Richard B. Malkin, Filing No. 99PN05343 and dated February 2, 1999;
- (xxvi) Mortgage of 148 West 124th St. Realty Corp. to Richard B. and Cynthia S. Malkin et al. in the amount of \$489,000 dated January 11, 1999 and recorded on April 19, 1999 in Reel 2858, Page 682;
- (xxvii) Assignment of Mortgage from Alpha Mortgage Investors to Jerome Rosenthal Trust, et al. dated February 2, 2001 and recorded on June 7, 2001 in Reel 3301, Page 1166;
- (xxviii)Assignment of Mortgage from Beta Mortgage Investors to West Coast
  Bank a/c/f Edwin V. Cooksey dated December 29, 2000 and recorded on July 23, 2001 in Reel
  3326, Page 949;
- (xxix) Assignment of Mortgage from Alpha Mortgage Investors to Tumblers, Inc. dated July 18, 2001 and recorded on September 20, 2001 in Reel 3357, page 2087;
- (xxx) Assignment of Mortgage from Jack Winston, Trustee to Beta Mortgage Investors dated October 26, 2001 and recorded on April 8, 2002 in Reel 3485 at Page 1916;
- (xxxi) Assignment of Mortgage from Robert Levin Trust dated 2/37/86 to Beta Mortgage Investors recorded on April 8, 2002 in Reel 3585, Page 1920;
- (xxxii) Mortgage from 148 West 124th St. Realty Corp. to Marilyn Van Harken in the amount of \$40,000 dated January 11, 1999 and recorded on March 18, 1999 in Reel 2838, Page 2383;

- (xxxiii) All rights under a deed executed by Executive Abstract Corp., as grantor, to John S. Pereira, Trustee and recorded on August 15, 2005 in CRFN 2005000456475;
- (xxxiv) Lis pendens filed by John S. Pereira, Index No. 10987/05 and docketed on June 7, 2005 with respect to Block 01756, Lot 00067;
- (xxxv) All rights under a deed executed by Executive Abstract Corp., as grantor, to John S. Pereira, Trustee dated July 19, 2005 and recorded on August 15, 2005 in CRFN 2005000456823;
- (xxxvi) Lis pendens filed by 917 Eagle Ave. Realty Corp., Index No. 22792/04 docketed on September 22, 2004 with respect to Block 02620, Lot 00034;
- (xxxvii) The assignment of leases and rents made by 79 East 125th St. Realty LLC to Astoria Federal Savings and Loan Association dated September 25, 2001 and recorded on December 3, 2001 in Reel 3401, Page 365;
- (xxxviii) All rights under deed dated July 19, 2005 and recorded on August 11. 2005 in CRFN 2005000452288 from Executive Abstract Corp., as grantor, to John S. Pereira, Trustee, as grantee;
- (xxxix) Lis pendens filed by Commercial Mortgage Company, Index No. 113294/03 and docketed on July 22, 2003 as against Block No. 01750, Lot 00031;
- Lis pendens filed by John S. Pereira, Trustee, Index No. 10987/05 and (x1)docketed on June 7, 2005 with respect to Block 01750, Lot 00031;
- Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement filed by Commercial (xli) Mortgage Corporation on December 26, 2002, Filing No. 02PN34697;

- (xlii) All rights under deed dated July 19, 2005 and recorded on August 15, 2005 in CRFN 2005000456593 from Executive Abstract Corp. as grantor to John S. Pereira. Trustee, as grantee;
- (xliii) Lis pendens filed by Alpha Mortgage Investors Corp., Index No. 603 922/03 and docketed on December 16, 2003 with respect to Block 1750, Lot 0032;
- (xliv) Lis pendens filed by 79 East 125th Street Realty Corp., Index No. 113560/04 docketed on September 22, 2004 with respect to Block 1750, Lot 0032;
- (xlv) Lis pendens by John S. Pereira, Index No. 10987/05, docketed on June 7. 2005 with respect to Block 1750, Lot 0032;
- (xlvi) Mortgage from 77 East 125th Street Realty LLC to Commercial Mortgage Corporation dated November 25, 2002 and recorded on February 24, 2003 in CRFN 2003000025594;
- (xlvii) Assignment of Mortgage from Commercial Mortgage Corporation to Commercial Mortgage Company LLC dated February 13, 2003 and recorded on January 8, 2004 in CRFN 2004000010407;

(xlviii) Any recorded claim against the Eight Properties, by way of judgment. mortgage or otherwise, of the following individuals or entities:

- A. Alpha Mortgage Investors;
- B. Beta Mortgage Investors;
- C. Deborah Winston-Levin;
- D. Robert Levin;
- E. The Harold Kulman Individual Retirement Account Trust and Harold Kulman, individually;

- F. Northern Trust Bank as the Trustee of the Judith Kulman Individual Retirement Account Trust and Judith Kulman, individually;
- G. Edwin V. Cooksey Individual Retirement Account Trust, and individually;
- Allen S. Lewis Individual Retirement Account Trust and individually; H.
- I. Jerome Rosenthal Individual Retirement Account and individually:
- J. Richard Malkin;
- K. Cynthia Malkin;
- L. Selma Winston;
- M. Osvaldo Cruz;
- N. Jack Winston;
- O. R. Harry Scott;
- P. Kenia Cruz;
- Q. Thomas Bohnert;
- R. Watson Freeman; and
- S. Marilyn Van Harken.
- 9. The claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages and judgments from which the Irgang Entities' title to the Eight Properties shall be free and clear as set forth in Paragraphs 7 and 8 above (collectively, the "Claims") shall attach to the Settlement Amount, subject to further order of the Court.
- 10. As of the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, this Order is and shall be effective as a determination that the Irgang Entities shall own and be possessed of legal and equitable title to each of the Eight Properties, free and clear of the Claims, and the Order shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all entities which may be required, by operation of law or

otherwise, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title in and to the Eight Properties, including, without limitation, all filing agents, recorders of deeds and mortgages, administrative agencies, and federal, state and local officials.

- 11. The Irgang Entities shall not be liable for any of the Claims based on successor liability or any similar theory of liability.
- 12. Upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, for purposes of the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions and the Maywood Debtors' bankruptcy cases only, any and all mortgages and liens held by the Irgang Entities against the properties of any of the Maywood Debtors shall be deemed avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate of the Maywood Debtor which owns or owned the properties to which the mortgage or lien attached, provided however, that the avoidance and preservation of the Irgang Entities' mortgages and liens is without prejudice to the rights, claims and defenses of BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Gerold Migdol, Migdol Realty Management, LLC, 18 W. 129St., LLC, and 243 E. 118<sup>th</sup> St. LLC in the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions.
- 13. Upon the Closing, the Parties will execute stipulations of dismissal of the Actions, as between the Parties only, pursuant to which the Actions shall be dismissed with prejudice and without costs.
- 14. Upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, the Trustee is authorized to pay, and shall promptly thereafter pay, to Rudd Development Group LLC ("Rudd") a Break-Up fee of \$176,000 from the Settlement Amount, and shall promptly thereafter release and deliver to Rudd the full amount of the cash deposit previously furnished by Rudd to the Trustee with respect to Rudd's offer and proposed contracts to purchase the three properties located at 65-67 East 125<sup>th</sup>

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Street, New York, New York, 77 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York, and 79 East 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York, together with accrued interest. Upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, Rudd's offer and proposed contracts for the purchase those three properties shall be deemed to have been withdrawn, and Rudd shall have no further responsibilities or obligations, if any, relating to such offer and proposed contracts or its commitment to remain a "standby purchaser" with respect to those three properties. If the Closing of the Settlement Agreement does not occur on or before April 15, 2008, the Court will convene a hearing on April 28, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., to consider approval of the sale of those three properties from the Trustee to Rudd pursuant to Rudd's offer and proposed contracts.

- 15. Upon the Closing of the Settlement Agreement, the Trustee shall file a notice with the Clerk of the Court which shall state the date on which the Closing occurred.
- 16. This Court retains jurisdiction to enforce the Settlement Agreement and to hear and determine any dispute or controversy arising out of or relating thereto.

DATED: New York, N

New York, New York February 21, 2008

/s/Robert D. Drain
HON. ROBERT D. DRAIN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

# **EXHIBIT A**

### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This agreement of compromise and settlement (the "Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement") made, effective as of the 15th day of January, 2008, between and among John S. Pereira (the "Trustee") in his capacity as the Chapter 11 Trustee of Maywood Capital Corp. ("Maywood Capital"), 2093 Madison Avenue Realty Corp. ("2093 Corp."), 6 East 132nd St. Apt. Corp. ("6 East Corp."), 27 East 131st Street Realty Corp. ("27 East Corp."), 148 W. 124th St. Realty Corp. ("148 West Corp."), 917 Eagle Avenue Realty Corp. ("917 Eagle Corp."), 65-67 East 125th Street Realty Corp. ("65-67 Street Realty"), 77 East 125th Street Realty LLC ("77 Street Realty") and 79 East 125th Street Realty LLC ("79 Street Realty", and collectively with 2093 Corp., 6 East Corp., 27 East Corp., 148 West Corp., 917 Eagle Corp. 65-67 Street Realty and 77 Street Realty, the "Eight Debtors") and their related debtors whose estates are being jointly administered with Maywood and the Eight Debtors (collectively, the "Maywood Debtors") and Mark Irgang, Jay Irgang and Orli Irgang (collectively, the "Irgangs"), 2093 Madison LLC, 148 West 124th Street LLC, 27 East 131st Street LLC, 6 East 132nd Street LLC, 65-67 East 125th Street LLC, 77-79 East 125th Street LLC and 917 Eagle Avenue LLC, (collectively, the "Irgang LLCs") and Bodden Funding Corp. ("Bodden", and together with the Irgangs and the Irgang LLCs, the "Irgang Entities") (the Trustee, the Irgangs, the Irgang LLCs and Bodden are hereinafter individually a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2005, the Maywood Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions for relief under Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court (the "Court") for the Southern District of New York (the "Maywood Bankruptcy Proceedings"); and

WHEREAS, by Order dated March 24, 2005, the Court approved, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1104(d), the appointment of John S. Pereira as the Chapter 11 Trustee for each of the Maywood Debtors; and

WHEREAS, the Trustee has commenced the following lawsuits (each a "Real Property Fraudulent Conveyance Action" and, collectively, the "Real Property Fraudulent Conveyance Actions") against the Irgangs and the Irgang LLCs.

	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANTS	ADV. PRO. NO.
1.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	2093 Madison LLC, Jay	05-02095 (RDD)
	Trustee of 2093 Madison Ave.	Irgang, Mark Irgang and	
	Realty Corp.	Orli Irgang	
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2.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 148 West 124 <sup>th</sup> Street	148 West 124 <sup>th</sup> St. LLC,	05-02090 (RDD)
	Realty Corp.	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	
	Realty Colp.	and Orn figang	
3.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	27 East 131 <sup>st</sup> St. LLC,	05-02093 (RDD)
	Trustee of 27 East 131st Street	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang	(12)
	Realty Corp.	and Orli Irgang	
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4.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	6 East 132 <sup>nd</sup> Street LLC,	05-02091 (RDD)
	Trustee of 6 East 132 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang	
	Apartments Corp.	and Orli Irgang	
5.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	65-67 East 125 <sup>th</sup> LLC,	05-02096 (RDD)
	Trustee of 65-67 East 125th Street	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang	(100)
	Realty Corp.	and Orli Irgang	
6.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	77-79 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street	05-02092 (RDD)
	Trustee of 77 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street	LLC, Jay Irgang, Mark	
	Realty LLC	Irgang and Orli Irgang	
7.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	77-79 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street	05-02089 (RDD)
	Trustee of 79 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street	LLC, Jay Irgang, Mark	03 02007 (RDD)
	Realty LLC	Irgang and Orli Irgang	
8.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11	917 Eagle Avenue LLC,	05-02094 (RDD)
	Trustee of 917 Eagle Avenue Realty	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang	
	Corp.	and Orli Irgang	

WHEREAS, the Trustee has also commenced the following lawsuits (each a "Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Action" and, collectively, the "Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions") against, inter alia, the Irgangs and/or Bodden. (The Real Property Fraudulent Conveyance Actions and the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions are collectively the "Actions").

	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANTS	ADV. PRO. NO.
1.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 18 West 129 <sup>th</sup> St. Realty Corp.	18 West 129 <sup>th</sup> Street, LLC, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp. and Migdol Realty Management LLC	07-01541 (RDD)
2.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 121 West 122 <sup>nd</sup> Street Corp.	Barry Levites, David Cantor, Baron Associates, Kennedy Funding, Inc. and Bodden Funding, Inc.	07-01516 (RDD)
3.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 148 West 124 <sup>th</sup> Street Realty Corp.	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01523 (RDD)
4.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 2278 Eighth Avenue Realty Corp.	Jack Winston Trustee, The Levites Family L.P. Uad 4/20/90, Stella Deporis BRT Realty Corp., Bodden Funding Corp., David Cantor, Baron Assoc., Zahava Schillinger Trustee Revocable Trustee Revocable Trustee Revocable Trust 5/4/99, Lois Rosenthal Retirement Accts, Inc., and West End Equities LLC as Intervenor	05-01532 (RDD)

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5.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 243 East 118 <sup>th</sup> St. Realty Corp.	243 E. 118 <sup>th</sup> St., LLC, Gerald Migdol, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp. and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc.	07-01514 (RDD)
6.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 27 East 131 <sup>st</sup> Realty Corp.	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01524 (RDD)
7.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 65-67 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street Realty Corp.	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01520 (RDD)
8.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 6 East 132 <sup>nd</sup> Street Apartments Street Corp.	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01513 (RDD)
9.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 79 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street Realty LLC	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01528 (RDD)
10.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 77 East 125 <sup>th</sup> Street Realty LLC	BRT Realty Trust, Kennedy Funding, Inc., Bodden Funding Corp., Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01521 (RDD)
11.	John S. Pereira, as Chapter 11 Trustee of 917 Eagle Avenue Realty Corp.	Jay Irgang, Mark Irgang and Orli Irgang	07-01548 (RDD)

	PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANTS	ADV. PRO. NO.
12.	John S. Pereira as Chapter 11	BRT Realty Trust,	07-01526 (RDD)
	Trustee of Maywood Consolidated	Bodden Funding Corp.,	ì í
	Properties	Osvoldo Cruz, Kenia	
		Cruz, Irma Kaufman	
		Living Trust and Zahava	
		Schillinger Trustee	
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WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed, subject to the entry of the Approval Order (as hereinafter defined) by the Court authorizing the Trustee to enter into this Agreement, to settle and compromise any and all claims, counterclaims, causes of actions, rights and obligations that any of the Parties may have against any other Party, including but not limited to those claims which have been or could have been asserted in the Actions (collectively, the "Claims"); and

WHEREAS, the Trustee has determined, in the exercise of his business judgment, that entering into this Agreement to settle and compromise the Claims is in the best interests of the Maywood Debtors, their estates and their creditors, and will eliminate the need for continued time-consuming, costly, and protracted litigation.

### **AGREEMENT**

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for the mutual covenants and obligations set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1. <u>Settlement Amount</u>. In return for the settlement of the Actions and the releases set forth herein, the Irgang Entities will pay the Trustee, for the benefit of the Maywood Debtors' estates, the total sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) (the "Settlement Amount") on or before April 15, 2008 (the "Settlement Due Date" or "Closing Date"). The Trustee shall allocate the Settlement Amount amongst the Maywood Debtors' estates on whose behalf the Real

Property Fraudulent Conveyance Actions were commenced. Such allocation shall not be binding on the Irgang Entities for their own purposes.

- 2. Settlement Deposit. Upon the execution of this Settlement Agreement, but in no event later than January 15, 2008, the Irgang Entities will remit to the Trustee a deposit in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) (the "Settlement Deposit") in immediately available funds to be credited against the Settlement Amount. The funds may be paid by either wire transfer or bank check only. The Settlement Deposit shall become absolute and nonrefundable upon Final Approval (as hereinafter defined) of the Settlement Agreement by the Court. The Settlement Deposit shall be held by the Trustee in a segregated interest bearing account. In the event that the Closing (as hereinafter defined) does not occur as a result of the Trustee failing to satisfy the Conditions to Closing set forth in paragraph 4 below, the Settlement Deposit, together with all accrued interest, shall be returned to the Irgang Entities, and this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void.
- 3. Settlement Balance Due at Closing. The balance of the Settlement Amount, in the sum of thirteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$13,500,000), shall be paid in immediately available funds by the Irgang Entities to the Trustee at the closing (the "Closing"), which will occur on or before the Settlement Due Date.
- 4. Conditions to Closing. The following are conditions to the Closing and the occurrence of the Closing Date:
- (a) The Trustee shall have obtained, on or before March 15, 2008, an order of the Court approving this Agreement in all material respects and authorizing the Trustee to enter into this Agreement and to execute any and all documents necessary and appropriate to

implement the Agreement (the "Approval Order"), and such Approval Order shall not have been altered, modified or amended on appeal in any material respect.

- As of the Closing, the Approval Order shall no longer be subject to (b) appeal, and nor shall it be the subject of a pending appeal (a "Final Order"). If by April 15, 2008, the Approval Order is not a Final Order, then the Trustee, in his sole and absolute discretion, upon written notice to Cole Schotz, counsel to the Irgang Entities, shall have the right to multiple extensions of the Closing Date, up to a date five (5) business days after such time as the Approval Order becomes a Final Order. Notwithstanding that the Trustee may have exercised his right to extend the Closing Date pursuant to this paragraph 4(b), the Trustee shall still have the right, at any time before the Approval Order becomes a Final Order, but in no event before April 15, 2008, to terminate the Agreement and return the Settlement Deposit, together with accrued interest, to the Irgang Entities, in which event this Agreement shall be deemed null and void.
- (c) The Approval Order shall provide that the Irgang LLCs own 2093 Madison Ave, 6 East 132nd Street, 27 East 131st Street, 148 W. 124th Street, 65-67 East 125th Street, 77 East 125th Street and 79 East 125th Street (all in New York County) and 917 Eagle Avenue (in Bronx County) (collectively the "Eight Properties") free and clear of all claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages and judgments held by: (i) any of the Maywood Debtors; (ii) any individual or entity that invested in the Maywood Debtors either through an equity investment or participation in any investor mortgage allegedly executed by a Maywood Debtor (a "Maywood Debtor Investor"); (iii) any entity, as defined in Section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, that asserts any claim on behalf of any Maywood Debtor Investor; and (iv) any of the holders of the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages (as hereinafter defined and up to

the principal amount only). The Approval Order shall further provide that the claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages and judgments (from which the Irgangs' title shall be free and clear as set forth in this subparagraph), shall attach to the Settlement Amount, subject to further order of the Court.

- (d) The Approval Order shall specifically provide that the Irgang Entities' title to the Eight Properties shall be free and clear of the following known claims, causes of action, rights, liens, mortgages and judgments:
- (i) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgage recorded on February 24, 2003 in CRFN 2003000025594 in the New York County Clerk's Office originally in favor of Commercial Mortgage Corporation (the "Commercial Mortgage");
- (ii) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgages recorded on October 15, 2001 in Reel 3373, page 2282 and January 16, 2002 in Reel 3430, page 1074 in the New York County Clerk's Office originally in favor of Community Capital Bank and assigned to Parade Place, LLC by assignments of mortgage recorded on September 13, 2005 in CRFN 2005000510178 and CRFN 2005000510179 (the "Community Capital Mortgage");
- (iii) The unpaid principal amount of the Mortgage recorded on December 3, 2001 in the New York County Clerk's Office in Reel 3401 page 327 in favor of Astoria Federal Savings & Loan Association (the "Astoria Mortgage" and, collectively with the Commercial Mortgage and the Community Capital Mortgage, the "125<sup>th</sup> Street Commercial Mortgages");
- (iv) Any recorded claim against the Eight Properties, by way of judgment, mortgage or otherwise, of the following individuals or entities:

## (A) Alpha Mortgage Investors;

- (B) Beta Mortgage Investors;
- (C) Deborah Winston-Levin;
- (D) Robert Levin;
- (E) The Harold Kulman Individual Retirement Account Trust and Harold Kulman, individually;
- Northern Trust Bank as the Trustee of the Judith Kulman (F) Individual Retirement Account Trust and Judith Kulman, individually;
- (G) Edwin V. Cooksey Individual Retirement Account Trust. and individually;
- Allen S. Lewis Individual Retirement Account Trust and (H) individually;
- (I) Jerome Rosenthal Individual Retirement Account and individually;
- **(J)** Richard Malkin;
- (K) Cynthia Malkin;
- (L) Selma Winston;
- (M) Osvaldo Cruz;
- (N) Jack Winston;
- (O) R. Harry Scott;
- (P) Kenia Cruz;
- (Q) Thomas Bohnert;
- (R) Watson Freeman; and

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#### **(S)** Marilyn Van Harkin.

- (e) The Trustee shall vacate and surrender possession of the offices located on the corner of the 27 East 131st Street property, which offices were formerly occupied by Maywood Capital and/or its related entities.
- 5. Trustee's Avoiding Powers. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 above regarding certain liens and claims that shall attach to the Settlement Amount subject to further order of the Court, nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the Trustee's avoiding powers with respect to any lien or claim, or the Trustee's right to object to any lien or claim.
- Title to Properties. Upon approval of the Settlement Agreement by the Court and 6. the payment of the Settlement Amount to the Trustee, title to the Eight Properties (which are the subject of the Real Property Fraudulent Conveyance Actions) shall be deemed vested in the Irgang LLCs, or their nominees, and shall no longer be subject to avoidance in the Maywood Bankruptcy Proceedings. Promptly after the Closing, the Trustee will (i) cancel or withdraw any and all lis pendens filed against the Eight Properties, and (ii) execute any further documentation the Irgang Entities reasonably request to confirm their vested title to the Eight Properties in accordance with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. To the extent the Irgang Entities request that the Trustee execute any further documentation to confirm their vested title to the Eight Properties, the Irgang Entities solely shall bear the costs and expenses of preparing such documents. The Irgang Entities shall be responsible for any fees or costs (including, but not limited to, recording fees or transfer taxes) in connection with the filing of any documents necessary to confirm their vested title.
- Payments of the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages. The Irgang Entities shall 7. maintain and bring current all principal and interest payments due on the 125th Street

Commercial Mortgages through and including the Closing Date, and shall be responsible for the payment of all such amounts due under the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages through and including the Closing Date. In the event there is any dispute concerning the amounts due under any of the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to determine such dispute. If any of the 125th Street Commercial Mortgages is subject to an adversary proceeding commenced by the Trustee to avoid all or part of such mortgage, the Irgang Entities shall remit the amounts they are responsible for under this paragraph through and including the Closing Date to the Trustee at Closing, which the Trustee shall hold in escrow pending further order of the Court.

8. Proceeds of the Eight Properties. Effective as of the Closing, (i) the Irgang Entities shall be entitled to retain all the rents and other proceeds and deposits generated from and/or related to the Eight Properties since the dates that they first obtained title to the Eight Properties, including the amounts that the Irgangs have held in escrow accounts during the pendency of the Real Property Fraudulent Conveyance Actions (the "Net Rent"); and (ii) the Trustee shall be entitled to retain the funds turned over by the state court receiver, and currently held by the Trustee, relating to the 917 Eagle Avenue Property (the "917 Eagle Fund"). Effective as of the Closing, (i) the Trustee and the Maywood Debtors shall waive all right, title and interest to the Net Rent and all orders of the Court requiring that the Net Rent be held in escrow or which placed any restrictions on the use thereof shall be vacated to the extent necessary to implement this paragraph, and (ii) the Irgang Entities shall waive all right, title and interest to the 917 Eagle Fund and all orders of the Court requiring that the 917 Eagle Fund be held in escrow or which placed any restrictions on the use thereof shall be vacated to the extent necessary to implement this paragraph.

- 9. Avoidance of the Bodden Mortgages. Effective as of the Closing, the Bodden mortgages, including any mortgage or lien from which Bodden took an assignment (collectively, the "Bodden Mortgages") that are the subject of the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions. shall be deemed avoided by the Trustee, for purposes of the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions and the Maywood Bankruptcy Proceedings only, and preserved by the Trustee for the benefit of the respective estate or estates on whose behalf the Trustee commenced the Mortgage Fraudulent Conveyance Actions. Effective as of the Closing, any prior order of the Court that restricted the use of the proceeds from the sales of any of the properties owned by any of the Maywood Debtors (other than the Eight Debtors) as a result of Bodden's assertion of its rights under the Bodden Mortgages are deemed vacated, and to the extent the Bodden Mortgages attached to the proceeds of any prior sales, including, but not limited to, the sale of 3 Bridle Path, Westhampton Beach, New York ("the 3 Bridle Path Property"), those proceeds of sale are preserved for the benefit of the respective Maywood Debtor's estate. Bodden consents to the avoidance of the its mortgage on the 3 Bridle Path Property, as sought in that certain action commenced by the trustee of the estate of Alexandra Horvath.
- 10. Release and Waiver of Claims. Upon the Closing, the Irgang Entities, individually and together with any and all entities related to and/or affiliated with any of the Irgang Entities, shall be deemed to have released and waived any and all claims and interests they may have, whether filed or unfiled, in the Maywood Bankruptcy Proceedings, as well as in the Chapter 7 cases of Joseph Greenblatt, Max Greenblatt and Alexandra Horvath. This waiver of claims shall include any and all claims under the Bodden Mortgages, and any and all claims the Irgang Entities, or any entity related to and/or affiliated with any of the Irgang Entities, acquired by assignment or otherwise from any creditor or party in interest in the Maywood

Debtors' Chapter 11 cases, including, but not limited to, the claims held by the special purpose entities through whom the Bodden Entities took assignments of claims.

- 11. <u>Default Provision</u>. Provided that the Conditions to Closing set forth in paragraph 4 above have been satisfied or waived, in the event the Irgang Entities fail to pay the Settlement Amount to the Trustee by the Settlement Due Date (i) the Irgang Entities waive any and all claims to the Settlement Deposit and the Trustee shall retain, as liquidated damages and without offset, the Settlement Deposit for the benefit of the Maywood Debtors' estates, and (ii) the Trustee shall proceed with a sale of the 125<sup>th</sup> Street Properties, free and clear of the Irgang Entities' claims and/or interests with respect to the those properties, provided, that the disposition of the proceeds of such sale shall be subject to the Court's determination of the Parties' respective rights and claims in the Actions.
- Settlement Approval. The Trustee shall move for Court approval of this Settlement Agreement promptly after its execution, and the Irgang Entities shall fully cooperate with the Trustee in obtaining Approval Order. In the event that the Court has not entered the Approval Order within sixty (60) days after the execution of the Settlement Agreement, the Trustee may declare the Settlement Agreement null and void by providing notice of same to Cole Schotz, counsel to the Irgang Entities and the Trustee shall return the Settlement Deposit, together with all accrued interest, to the Irgang Entities.

### 13. Dismissal of Actions.

Upon the Closing, the Parties will execute stipulations of dismissal of the Actions, as between the Parties only, pursuant to which the Actions shall be dismissed with prejudice and without costs.

#### 14. Mutual Releases.

- Effective as of the Closing, the Trustee, as the Chapter 11 Trustee for the (a) Maywood Debtors and on behalf of the Maywood Debtors' estates, fully releases and forever discharges the Irgang Entities, and their present and former owners, directors, officers, stockholders, direct and indirect members, employees, representatives, attorneys, agents, corporate parents, divisions, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, transferees, successors and assigns from all claims and causes of action of whatever kind and nature, since the beginning of time, known or unknown, including, but not limited to, all of the claims the Trustee and/or the Maywood Debtors asserted, or which could have been asserted, in the Actions.
- (b) Effective as of the Closing, the Irgang Entities, and their present and former owners, directors, officers, direct and indirect members, stockholders, employees, representatives, attorneys, agents, corporate parents, divisions, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, transferees, successors and assigns fully release and forever discharge the Trustee. as the Chapter 11 Trustee of the Maywood Debtors, and the Maywood Debtors, and their present and former owners, directors, officers, stockholders, direct and indirect members, employees. representatives, attorneys, agents, corporate parents, divisions, affiliates, subsidiaries, predecessors, transferees, successors and assigns from all claims and causes of action of whatever kind and nature, since the beginning of time, known or unknown, including, but not limited to, all of the claims the Irgang Entities asserted, or which could have been asserted, in the Actions.

#### 15. Miscellaneous.

(a) This Settlement Agreement shall not be deemed an admission of liability by any Party.

- The Settlement Agreement shall be construed pursuant to the laws of the (b) State of New York. The releases granted pursuant to this Settlement Agreement shall be governed and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of New York. Any and all disputes arising, directly or indirectly, out of or relating to the Settlement Agreement and its terms, and all actions to enforce this Settlement Agreement and its terms shall be adjudicated in the Court, and the Parties expressly and irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court in any suit, action or proceeding, arising directly or indirectly, out of or relating to this Settlement Agreement, including but not limited to any action or proceeding by the Trustee to enforce his rights under the Settlement Agreement.
- Except as otherwise provided herein, so long as this Settlement Agreement (c) remains in full force and effect, the Parties will take appropriate action to suspend all further activities in the Actions as they pertain to the Parties only, pending dismissal thereof and full payment of the Settlement Amount.
- This Settlement Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties, (d) and may not be modified except by a writing executed by all of the Parties.
- (e) This Settlement Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- (f) The parties acknowledge effective assistance of counsel in the negotiation. drafting and execution of this Settlement Agreement, and agree that it shall not be construed for or against any Party on the basis of drafting responsibility.
- The captions of each paragraph are purely for convenience, and not part of (g) the Parties' substantive agreement.

(h) Upon the full execution of this Agreement by all the Parties, the Trustee

shall promptly file a motion, pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure Rule 9019, with

notice to all creditors of the Maywood Debtors, for approval of this Settlement Agreement.

(i) Within ten (10) days of the filing of the motion for approval of the

Settlement Agreement, the Trustee shall publish a notice, in a form mutually agreed to by the

Parties, in the National Edition of the New York Times, of the hearing on the approval of the

settlement. The costs of publication shall be borne equally by the Trustee and the Irgang

Entities.

(j) By the signatures below, the Parties to this Agreement acknowledge that

they fully understand and accept the terms contained in this Agreement, and represent and agree

that their signatures are freely, voluntarily and knowingly given, and that each has had the

opportunity to consult with counsel prior to signing this Agreement. The persons executing this

Agreement hereby certify that they have authority to do so, either individually or on behalf of the

Party on whose behalf they execute the Agreement, and that this Agreement is binding upon the

Parties and their successors and assignees. The Parties further acknowledge that the Trustee's

execution is subject to Court approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this

Settlement Agreement as of the 15th day of January, 2008.

/s/ John S. Pereira, Trustee

John S. Pereira, as Trustee for

the Maywood Debtors

/s/ Mark Irgang

Mark Irgang

s/ Jay Irgang	
Jay Irgang	
s/ Orli Irgang	
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## 2093 MADISON LLC

By: /s/ Mark Irgang

Name: Mark Irgang Title: Member

148 WEST 124<sup>TH</sup> STREET LLC

By: /s/ Mark Irgang
Name: Mark Irgang Title: Member

27 EAST 131<sup>ST</sup> STREET LLC

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6 EAST 132<sup>ND</sup> STREET LLC

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## 65-67 EAST 125<sup>TH</sup> STREET LLC

By: /s/ Mark Irgang

Name: Mark Irgang Title: Member

77-79 EAST 125<sup>TH</sup> STREET LLC

By: /s/ Mark Irgang Name: Mark Irgang Title: Member

917 EAGLE AVENUE LLC

By: /s/ Mark Irgang
Name: Mark Irgang Title: Member

BODDEN FUNDING CORP.

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PROCEEDINGS

THE COURT: Turn to Maywood Capital.

Your Honor, we're here this morning in MR. CAMPO: connection with the trustee's 9019 motion to approve the settlement with the Irgang Entities that resolves the eight real property fraudulent conveyance actions that have been commenced and actually tried to Your Honor and for which the decision is currently sub judice and it resolves as well, Your Honor, the Irgang Entities liability as parties to what's referred to as the mortgage fraudulent conveyance actions in connection with twelve adversary proceedings that are pending. Your Honor, we have received -- and if I may, I'll just briefly lay out what the limited objections were. We received a limited objection by Migdol Group concerning the scope of the They were concerned that because they are a party to certain of the mortgage fraudulent conveyance actions that they wanted to clarify that nothing contained in this settlement, including the fact that there is an avoidance in preservation of the Bodden mortgages, would be prejudicial to them in connection with their status as a party to the mortgage fraudulent conveyance actions. And, Your Honor, we have no issue with that language and we've added that language to the In addition -order.

THE COURT: Well, can I stop you on that?

MR. CAMPO: Sure.

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THE COURT: Parties' interpretation of what it means when you say without prejudice is an interesting concept.

Judge Bernstein actually has a really good opinion on that issue. I take it that by saying you don't have a problem with their agreement you're not saying that -- well, the consequence of having the benefit of the Irgang's lien is what it is.

MR. CAMPO: That's correct.

THE COURT: And so you you're not saying that you're waiving any benefit of that either?

MR. CAMPO: No. And just so we're clear, they're not suggesting that we have no right to avoid and preserve the Irgang's lien and that the lien hasn't been avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate. What they're saying though, Your Honor, is that because they are still a party to that action, the approval as it pertains to them, and I think more specifically with Migdol, the issue is as follows. They took title to the properties. On one of the properties, I believe they assert that they may have taken their title before the Bodden lien, or the original Bodden lien, which was either Kennedy or BRT, had been recorded against the property. So in effect what we're saying is as if they were the rightful title owner to the property and then the lien was placed on the property, they have their right to their defenses with respect to that lien as it pertains to the continuation of the action.

THE COURT: Well --

MR. CAMPO: Not that the lien hasn't been avoid and preserve.

THE COURT: Or, in other words, these -- this motion has nothing to do with them.

MR. CAMPO: Correct.

THE COURT: That's not their issues, their claims.

Their rights were not performing.

MR. CAMPO: That's correct. Nor is any other party to any of the mortgage foreclosure actions.

THE COURT: By the same token, what is before me is this proposed settlement agreement and entry into that settlement agreement obviously has consequences potentially for creditors of the estate and those who might be in line before or behind the mortgages that are getting avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate and they're not seeking to change whatever those consequences are.

MR. CAMPO: Absolutely. And Migdol's lawyer is here, Your Honor, and I think they can confirm that for the record.

MR. SCHNITZER: Your Honor, Edward Schnitzer from Hahn & Hessen on behalf of Migdol. I can confirm that. Our concern, which has been addressed by Mr. Campo, is to the extent we have any defenses against Bodden mortgages in this case, that those defenses aren't changed by the fact that perhaps those liens are now preserved for them and at this state that we're in the same position we were yesterday as we

will be tomorrow.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. SCHMIDT: Good morning, Your Honor,

Frederick Schmidt of Herrick, Feinstein, counsel for BRT.

We're in a similar fault, Your Honor, in that we were the original mortgagees on those mortgages sold them to the -- to Bodden. And counsel to the trustee, who's advised beforehand that he agrees that as to us, we preserve all rights to argue that these mortgagers were in fact valid; that they're not avoidable as to us and our defenses are preserved insofar as how our lawsuit is concerned.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. DEFLORA: Your Honor, again, I -- Jordan DeFlora, I represent Kennedy Funding and exactly what counsel has just said for BRT, I had the same conversation with Mr. Campo and that is the same understanding as it relates to Kennedy Funding.

THE COURT: All right. Very well.

MR. CAMPO: And, Your Honor, I think that under the circumstances I think that's reasonable to let them preserve those rights.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: But the avoidance is clear and it's a final avoidance and preservation of the lien once the order becomes final and on appeal.

THE COURT: Right.

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MR. CAMPO: All right.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: All right. Your Honor, aside from the limited objection of Migdol and the conversations that I've had with BRT and Kennedy's lawyers, we received -- I received from -- a phone call yesterday from the attorney for Parade Place, who is the assignee of the Community Capital Mortgage, which is one of the mortgages that under the terms of the settlement agreement the trustee will pay from the settlement amount the unpaid due and owing principal balance of that mortgage as of the closing which we anticipate to be somewhere -- subject, of course, to defenses as to amounts somewhere in the vicinity of between 400 and 425 thousand Similarly, we paid the unpaid balance of the commercial mortgage, which is the Intervest Mortgage, and we pay the unpaid principal balance of the Astoria Mortgage. Irgangs are responsible to make sure that -- and will pay at the closing all accrued principal amounts that were due under the terms of those mortgages up through and including the closing. And they will also be responsible to pay any and all interest -- unpaid interest due on those mortgages up through and including the closing. Mr. Nutovic --

MR. NUTOVIC: Yes.

MR. CAMPO: Thank you. Represents Parade Place.

Parade Place, Your Honor, is owned by Mr. Shapiro.

MR. NUTOVIC: Hope that doesn't prejudice Your Honor.

THE COURT: Seems like a nice fellow.

MR. CAMPO: And Mr. Nutovic has asked that I confirm, and I will confirm on the record, that there will be sufficient funds from the allocation of the proceeds to pay the lia -- to pay the amount of the Community Capital now assigned to Parade Place Mortgage and I will confirm that on the record. I have told Mr. Nutovic then there is no promise at this point that he will be paid at closing because there are issues that we need to resolve in terms of fixing the principal amount, part of which results from the fact that there is a portion of that mortgage which was a second piece of that mortgage which was a construction loan and not all of the monies under that construction loan were advanced. So there was a mortgage taken out for 140 thousand dollars but it's clear that was never -it was never fully advanced. So we need to resolve that. And my understanding, Your Honor, is that there is an issue between Mr. Nutovic and, I guess, the Irgang group at this point because there is not an agreement on what the amount of the interest -- unpaid interest would be on that mortgage. Mr. Nutovic has asserted that the unpaid interest is in excess of 200 thousand dollars. We've not looked at that, Your Honor, but the bottom line is that whatever is outstanding on that interest amount the Irgangs will pay at the closing or if there

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is insufficient -- I'm sorry, if there's an inability to agree with Mr. Nutovic with respect to what the amount of that unpaid interest is then the Irgangs have agreed that they'll escrow that amount of money with the trustee for Your Honor to then determine, if need be at a subsequent proceeding, any dispute that may exist between the two sides on that issue. And it's my understanding that the dispute pertains primarily to the fact that there is some default interest that's been included in the calculation.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, if I may be heard briefly. I think Mr. Campo has articulated two of the issues that are significant to me. One is the settlement agreement provides that Mr. Campo is going to be allocating out of the 15 million dollars indeterminate amounts amongst each debtor. Presently, we have a mortgage on property that is --

THE COURT: Right. But this solution resolves your rights under 363(f) because he's saying there will be enough -- he's committing that there will be enough to pay the estate's portion of the liability under the settlement agreement to your client in full.

MR. NUTOVIC: Well, Your Honor, that's where I don't want to get whipsawed between two parties. Right now, I vote -- my client's calculation is roughly 700 thousand dollar mortgage against property that's worth 2.5 million. If there's

some dispute with the Irgangs and we can't collect from the Irgangs, for whatever reason, I don't know, that should not release the trustee from liability. So it's up to the trustee to ensure that the Irgangs live up to the settlement agreement and he has to just --

THE COURT: Well, of course. This -- he doesn't have an independent obligation to pay but he has an obligation to enforce the settlement agreement.

MR. NUTOVIC: And he has an independent obligation to ensure that my payment -- that my client's mortgage is paid in full, whatever that amount is allowed to be. As of right now, that's a claim on real estate, that lien is going to be released and in exchange for that, because that's what the Irgangs are requiring, we have to have one address to get our money from. And as long as it's very clear that the trustee cannot go -- come to my client and say we have to get the money from Irgang, I won't have a problem.

THE COURT: Well, he --

MR. NUTOVIC: I think the trustee is --

THE COURT: -- well, let me be clear. As I understand it, the trustee's obligation would be to enforce the settlement agreement in respect of what the Irgangs would owe to your client.

MR. NUTOVIC: And if it's not in -- my client should not be held responsible for any delays in the trustee doing

that. Once my client has fixed the amount held by the trustee out of his 15 million dollars, should be paid to my client.

And if for some reason the Irgangs tying him up on other offsets and settlement or anything like that --

THE COURT: There's no offset here. There's no offset, there's no settlement. It's a new obligation that they would have to pay under the settlement agreement.

MR. LEYVA: So -- so, may I, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. LEYVA: Leo Leyva for the Irgang Entities. We are committed to one thing; to closing this transaction. And I assure you -- and one of the things -- the important things that Mr. Campo says we are looking for the Court to maintain jurisdiction over this issue because we do believe that the number that was just thrown out by counsel is a ridiculous number and we will be back here to have that number fixed because again, we believe what is now transpiring here is an attempt by counsel's client to now put the strong arm and try to squeeze money out of the Irgangs or the trustees. So we will fix the number; we'll be back, Judge, and we will be ready at closing to pay whatever amounts are rightfully due. So there's no question on our part in terms of fulfilling our obligations on the settlement agreements.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, all I'm saying is I don't

think the settlement should have any impact on my client's rights to collect funds from the trustee. Right now the trustee's the debtor, or representing the debtor, and if the trustee is not going to be responsible for that there has to be some reason that he can exculpate himself from that responsibility. If the Irgangs are secondarily backstopping his obligation to pay my client to the tune of interest, or whatever the amount is, that's his affair. But I don't want to be in a position, post-settlement, with being worried with it, that I never objected to a release of the trustee of the Irgang or whatever the Irgang payment amount is. And I just want to state for the record that no matter what the Irgang --

THE COURT: Well, is the amount of this debt an issue?

MR. CAMPO: The principal amount of the debt, Your Honor, as we can determine it so far on the first piece of the mortgage, which is 360 thousand dollars, is not at issue.

There's two components to this 500 thousand dollar mortgage.

There was a 360 thousand dollar mortgage and there was a 140 thousand dollar construction mortgage. And, Your Honor, I believe the settlement agreement spells out the two components of the mortgage.

THE COURT: Well, but as I understood it, what you said is that as far as the trustee's portion of the settlement agreement that he's committing to pay at closing there is one

component that may be an issue which is a portion of the secured debt, not the lien, but a portion of secured debt may never have been advanced and so therefore there may not be a debt owing beyond the amount that you -- that was advanced.

MR. CAMPO: That's correct. And, in fact, I believe Mr. Nutovic would acknowledge that a portion of the second — the mortgage construction loan was never advanced because when they sought to foreclose it in 2004 they asserted in their foreclosure action that the amount owing on that mortgage was ninety-five thousand dollars, which we believe is the seventy that was advanced plus accrued interest and other charges.

THE COURT: And is there a dispute? I gather it is over the accrued interest amount which is the amount of the settlement agreement that the Irgangs are responsible for paying?

MR. MAY: Yes, because --

MR. CAMPO: My understanding is that there is, but I'll let Mr. May speak.

MR. MAY: Yes, Your Honor. I mean, we haven't -- we have never received an exact interest calculation but it's our understanding that included within the interest component is default interest which is an issue with us because if during the course of the case we tendered interest and principal in a timely fashion, the tender was rejected. So that raises the question in our mind as to whether it's appropriate for default

19 interest to be added to the interest component. 1 MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, we know nothing about the 2 standard because apparently it was allegedly tethered to 3 Community Bank, which was the foreclosing entity at the time my 4 client purchased after the foreclosure was instituted. 5 we --6 THE COURT: Did they give anyone notice of that? 7 MR. NUTOVIC: I beg your pardon? 8 THE COURT: Did they give anyone notice of that 9 10 purchase? MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, I'm just newly in this 11 I don't know -- I can't tell you off the top of my head, 12 but it's in the trustee's papers. 13 THE COURT: Right. 14 MR. NUTOVIC: Okay. 15 THE COURT: Now, is the lien of this entity -- what 16 17 was it --MR. NUTOVIC: Parade Place. 18 MR. CAMPO: It's Community Capital. It's Parade 19 20 Place --MR. NUTOVIC: Community Capital/Parade Place. 21 MR. CAMPO: -- as assignee -- as assignee of 22 Community Capital. 23 THE COURT: In respect of the interest obligation --24 the accrued interest obligation that the Irgangs have, will the 25

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MR. CAMPO: Well, Your Honor, it would if the Irgangs fail to pay the interest at the time of the closing. So they've agreed that they'll pay the interest. I think what the Irgangs at least asked me for and I think this is what Mr. Leyva --

THE COURT: I don't see why -- if that's the case, then I don't understand Mr. Nutovic's objection.

MR. CAMPO: Except, Your Honor, I would just -- let me clarify. What I think -- the Irgangs acknowledge that they're entitled -- that they have to pay the accrued interest. They only wanted to reserve their right to have this Court determine if it's necessary to determine a dispute that might exist between Parade and them on the mortgage amount.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: I don't -- and I don't want to misspeak

for -- I don't want to speak for the Irgangs on this but my

understanding is, is that the way they'll confirm that title is

free and clear of the lien not only for the due principal but

for the interest is by --

THE COURT: Is by putting the money up at the closing --

THE COURT: -- putting the money up at the closing into a lateral account or an escrow account.

MR. CAMPO: Correct.

MR. MAY: Or what I would hope would be more likely is if we can't resolve it to bring an application to this Court and get it resolved pre-closing.

THE COURT: I just want to make sure -- that's fine, but the key thing is that there will be an interest of Community/Parade in an account pending resolution of that dispute.

MR. CAMPO: Yeah.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. NUTOVIC: And, Your Honor, as long as it's in the amount that my client is claiming, we won't have a problem.

THE COURT: Yeah. No, that's what's been said.

Okay. All right. So there's no problem there.

MR. CAMPO: Yes. It's not that they weren't willing to escrow the full amount of the assert --

THE COURT: All right. So I -- so 363(f) you'll have to satisfy, then?

MR. CAMPO: Absolutely, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, and the only other issue that I have is a similar issue that -- to what has been --

THE COURT: And by the way, the trustee has to do nothing more in respect to the dispute between the Irgangs and Mr. Nutovic than to give Mr. Nutovic's client the right to

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MR. CAMPO: Absolutely, Your Honor. We -- and -- we could clarify this now, too, Your Honor. It isn't necessary -- I mean, we offered to hold the money pending that dispute if there is one.

THE COURT: You don't need to.

MR. CAMPO: We really don't need to.

THE COURT: As long as they put it up, you don't need to.

MR. CAMPO: Right.

MR. NUTOVIC: Well, where we would put it up, Your Honor? That's the --

THE COURT: In an account that they've agreed that this Court can preside over.

MR. NUTOVIC: Which would be a court escrow account?

THE COURT: Well, in a court that -- where there's jurisdiction of this Court over the money and who gets it.

MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, I --

THE COURT: They're present in New York. I can enforce an order against them and they're agreed the jurisdiction over them.

MR. NUTOVIC: All right. Your Honor --

THE COURT: It doesn't have to be an escrow account in the court.

MR. NUTOVIC: Okay, Your Honor, it's a mechanism that

presumably we can work out. I just don't want this settlement agreement to go through with any suggestion that my client has waived its rights --

THE COURT: There's no suggestion of that.

MR. NUTOVIC: -- or claims that the claimant has against the trustee. If there is a --

THE COURT: No, there is a suggestion -- no, I'm -
I've said this four times. Your client is not going to

preserve a claim against a trustee in respect of the amounts

that the Irgangs have said they will pay. Instead, your client

is going to get an interest preserved in an account subject to

the jurisdiction of this Court. That's their replacement

collateral, which is perfectly appropriate under 363(f). And

the trustee will have no obligation in respect of that portion

of your client's claims except not to thwart your client's

rights to enforce the Irgang's agreement.

MR. NUTOVIC: Your Honor, I think the only thing that remains is the mechanism of ensuring that that takes place by the settlement -- by the closing date.

THE COURT: That's part of -- that's what's been said on the record. It's going to be set up by the closing date.

MR. NUTOVIC: I guess what we will do is we'll send the trustee our payoff letter for that amount and he will have to ensure that that amount is paid up -- or escrowed at closing.

THE COURT: He and the Irgangs. Yes.

MR. CAMPO: We will, Your Honor, and I will just make sure that I could just ask Mr. Nutovic to make sure that he, when he prepares that payoff amount, which should be pretty easy to do at this point, that he break down how much of it is -- how much of it is accrued but unpaid principal, how much of it is principal that is due -- that has not yet come due and how much of it is accrued and unpaid interest.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CAMPO: And if he could also, Your Honor, if I may, for the benefit of all the parties, could I also impose upon him to include any additional breakdown with respect to legal fees, with respect to the foreclosure action and obviously, Your Honor, with respect to the interest, a breakdown of how much of it is contract versus how much of it is default.

MR. NUTOVIC: Well, Your Honor, again, I want to just point out one other thing. My client's position is that the mortgage was accelerated as fully due --

THE COURT: That's fine.

MR. NUTOVIC: Right. Mr. Campo asked me to break down how much principal is due, and I think it was equally required of the Irgangs to make principal payments to the closing as it would have been if the notes were reinstated.

And I don't know that if that's going to be so easy for me to

do. But we will cooperate with the trustee. We have no interest in not getting this resolved.

THE COURT: You should make the good faith effort to do that. You can certainly do it under a reservation of rights.

MR. NUTOVIC: Yes.

MR. CAMPO: Yes. Because, Your Honor, obviously, the estate is only responsible to pay for the interest --

THE COURT: I understand that.

MR. CAMPO: -- that would have been derived from it. So that's all. He needs to do that.

THE COURT: You could do it on a reservation of rights but you should break it out as requested.

MR. NUTOVIC: We'll do what we can, Your Honor. The last issue has to do with third-party releases which I, you know, I know other people have --

THE COURT: Well, I think Mr. Campo's going to get into that.

MR. CAMPO: I am, Your Honor.

MR. NUTOVIC: And, Your Honor, this relates to

Mr. Campo's assertion that he believes that some portion of the

mortgage payments may have belonged to other parties other than

the debtor, and that because of that our mortgage amount may be

not fully enforceable. And to the extent any of the Irgangs

were involved in any of that, we don't want to be in a position

of waiving our rights against Irgang.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CAMPO: Well.

THE COURT: Let -- why don't you turn to the thirdparty release issue?

MR. CAMPO: Why don't I -- I will, Your Honor. Your Honor, I think -- and we've had, this morning, a significant amount of discussion with the Irgangs over this third-party release issue and I think I'm happy to say, Your Honor, that at this point the Irgangs have agreed that we're not -- we're moving away from the form of the order that they had -- that had anything that implied that there was a third-party release here. The Irgang -- the order that's going -- that we're going to present, Your Honor, assuming Your Honor approves the settlement, is going to be the form of order that the trustee prepared and sent down to the Court last evening.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: Although there will be some modifications to it. And I will specifically tell the Court what provisions of the original Irgang proposed order will go into that -- into a revamped trustee's order, and the rest of our order will remain exactly the same.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: First, Your Honor, we have agreed that there's a paragraph number 9 in the Irgang's proposed order

which simply clarifies that the Irgangs don't have any successor liability with respect to the claims which are -- that they are requiring their title free and clear of.

THE COURT: The free and clear claims?

MR. CAMPO: Yes.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CAMPO: And, Your Honor, while it wasn't in the settlement agreement, we have no problem with that. We think it's appropriate to give the Irgangs that. Nobody is suggesting that they should have successor liability for any of the claims of the debtor. Or have successor liability to the estate.

THE COURT: In respect to the free and clear --

MR. CAMPO: In respect to the free and clear claims.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: That's correct.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. CAMPO: Because those claims are simply going to attach to the settlement fund.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. CAMPO: The second provision of the Irgang's order that they have asked us to include in our order, and which we have no problem but we want to bring it to the Court's attention to make sure Your Honor has no problem with it, is paragraph 10 of their proposed order but slightly modified.

Paragraph 10, Your Honor, effectively clarifies, or the way we've agreed to the language, is that the Irgang's Entities' title to the eight properties will be free and clear of the claims as defined. And that the order is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of entities of governmental filing agents, recorders of deeds and mortgages, administrative agencies, federal and state local officials who may be required, by operation of law or otherwise to accept, file, or register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments to effectuate the -- the clear title that the Irgangs are effectively securing by virtue of the settlement.

We have no problem with that, Your Honor. As a matter of the Court's ability to -- in an effort to promulgate such a provision in the order, the only thing that I would say is that there were no federal agencies, or the like, who were served with the trustee's motion. And that's the only issue.

THE COURT: But this language is quite customary and --

MR. CAMPO: It's quite customary in a 363 order.

THE COURT: -- in connection with transfers free and clear.

MR. CAMPO: Absolutely. Although this is not really technically a 363 sale, but --

THE COURT: Well, but it is a transfer free and clear.

MR. CAMPO: Correct.

THE COURT: And I'm comfortable with it too.

MR. CAMPO: Okay.

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THE COURT: It's clear to me, and certainly the objections to -- that were filed to the motion, the limited objections raise the issue, and this is consistent with their view that the Irgangs are entitled to get the properties free and clear to the extent paragraph 4 of C says they're getting them free and clear of the settlement agreement. And when you get property free and clear like that you're entitled to get a direction from the Court to the transfer authorities to recognize the transfer.

MR. CAMPO: Correct.

THE COURT: So I'm comfortable with that and I believe that the governmental agencies who've filed limited objections would also be comfortable with it because they acknowledge that the free and clear aspect of the settlement agreement was not a problem.

MR. CAMPO: Right. But what, Your Honor, just so I'm clear, we're talking about -- you're referring to the governmental agency as the Bureau of Security.

THE COURT: I understand.

MR. CAMPO: I'm really referring to the county recording offices and the like.

THE COURT: But that's --

MR. CAMPO: I agree with you, Your Honor. You have the authority to do that in any event.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: Okay. The next provision of the Irgang proposed order, from which differs from our order and which was set forth in detail in the letter that we sent to the Court yesterday, deals with the identity of specific liens, mortgages, judgments, assignments, lis pendens, financing statements of the like, it was in the Irgang's proposed paragraph 12, Your Honor. Now, as I said in my letter yesterday, Your Honor, we had sort of a belt and suspenders provision in our order. The one belt and suspenders was that they get -- it's clear that they get it free and clear of Maywood investor claims, Maywood debtors' claims, any entity that could usurp a claim on behalf of a Maywood investor and, of course, the three commercial mortgages.

The language that they added in their paragraph 12, which has approximately fifty-five subparagraphs to, includes certain assignments and leases which we believe were encompassed in the language of our order but if it's of comfort to the Irgangs to specifically set them forth in the order and to their title company, more specifically, we have no problem with going back now and giving them the specific language that they've asked for by adding that, in effect, to our paragraph 4.

THE COURT: So I guess the issue --

MR. CAMPO: Sorry, Your Honor, our paragraph -- I apologize, our paragraph 8.

THE COURT: -- so the issue your letter raised was one of due diligence. Whether you were comfortable that these specific references here in the fifty or so subparagraphs were ones that would truly fit within your catchall.

MR. CAMPO: Right.

THE COURT: And are you -- is the trustee now comfortable that they would?

MR. CAMPO: Well, we're comfortable, Your Honor, having gone through it in some detail this morning while we were waiting to come before the Court, that a significant number of them do fit within it. Subject to seeing the title report that they've shown us to confirm that the CFRN numbers or the libers and page numbers are, we're comfortable that they are indeed -- for example, a lot of them -- like there's --

THE COURT: Well, do you want to put that condition in here, then, subject to confirmation of a title report?

MR. CAMPO: Subject to confirmation of the title report, Your Honor, we are going to add certain of these but there are some of these, Your Honor, which we are certain do not belong in here and they're not going to go into our order and I'll -- if you want, I'll tell the Court which --

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THE COURT: No. As long as you have agreement on it

that's fine.

MR. CAMPO: We have an agreement with the Irgangs as to which ones will go in subject to verification of the title report. We have an agreement with the Irgangs as to which ones are clearly not coming in because they do not fit the categories of a settlement agreement.

THE COURT: All right. So you're going to revise the paragraph, then, to pick up those distinctions?

MR. CAMPO: We will.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: And we will only include those which we are very comfortable with are clearly investor claims.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: Or relate to the three commercial mortgages, for example an assignment of leases.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CAMPO: Okay. The next and last provision of the Irgang order which we have agreed that we'll incorporate, although we didn't think it was necessary, was because the settlement agreement specifically provides that upon the closing we'll execute stipulations of dismissal, is that we will modify their paragraph 13 and put in a provision that says that upon -- not that the real property fraudulent conveyance actions will be dismissed upon closing but that upon closing stipulations of dismissal will be executed to dismiss those

actions.

THE COURT: I would do that anyway. I couldn't -- I would need a separate piece of paper dismissing that.

MR. CAMPO: Correct. We know that, Your Honor.

So -- but we will put a provision in our order that clarifies that upon closing we'll execute those stipulations of dismissal. Which will only dismiss the Irgang -- well, it will dismiss the --

THE COURT: Right. They'll report them as defendants and ones where there are multiple defendants --

MR. CAMPO: Correct. And it will dismiss the ones that involve the real property fraudulent conveyance actions.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: Okay. And that, Your Honor, is the extent of the changes that will come into the trustee's proposed order that we'll submit to the Court hopefully either later this afternoon or certainly by tomorrow.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: Okay. Now, Your Honor, there was one other objection that was raised. It was the limited objection by the New Jersey Bureau of Securities which also went to the issue of third-party releases. And it's -- and the Irgangs have agreed that they acknowledge that this settlement does not -- is without prejudice to any rights or claims that the bureau -- that the New Jersey Bureau of Securities has with

respect to enforcing any claims that they may have as against the Irgang entities. So I believe that limited objection is resolved.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. GEROLD: Your Honor, if I may. The New Jersey Bureau of Securities, who've stated in this court before that we don't bring actions on behalf of Maywood or investors in general, independent claims brought by the bureau chief in his regulatory capacity and the representations made by Mr. Campo and as was just stated to the Court, that none of those rights would be affected by the settlement agreement and I would like to make it, or if it is clear now that I've stated it, that those rights are now being impacted by the settlement agreement for the order that will be entered.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, there was no third-party release in the trustee's order and there still isn't.

MR. GEROLD: Okay. That's fine, Your Honor.

MR. CAMPO: Actually, Your Honor, I was hoping that Mr. Gerold would -- I believe he's seen my order and my understanding was he had no problem with it.

MR. GEROLD: So long as the interpretation of that order excludes the bureau because there has been --

THE COURT: Let me -- they're getting this free and clear. They're getting the properties free and clear and I didn't read the bureau to be objecting to that.

MR. GEROLD: There was a limited objection not to object --

THE COURT: The Irgang people -- the entities.

MR. GEROLD: The entities or the people.

THE COURT: All right. And that's -- and I believe that the record's clear that there's no such third-party release. The properties, as contemplated by 4 -- 4(c) of the settlement are free and clear.

MR. GEROLD: Your Honor, to the extent that the bureau may obtain a judgment in the future --

THE COURT: Well, that's different. If you get a judgment you can always go against whatever your defendant -- whatever property they have.

MR. GEROLD: Thank you.

MR. MAY: I think that's correct, Your Honor. What we wanted to clarify in both for counsel and for the record is that as we understand the New Jersey bureau's claims; it's permitted to proceed with those claims notwithstanding this order, but we didn't understand them to be making a claim that they somehow have the right to title to these properties. They have a right to a claim, but that particular issue is not part of what they're seeking to preserve.

THE COURT: Right. That's right, sir.

MR. GEROLD: That's right.

THE COURT: Okay.

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36 MR. CAMPO: Your Honor, I think we've now -- at least 1 we've resolved the issues concerning the order, we've resolved 2 the issues concerning the limited objections. I would -- Your 3 Honor's fully familiar with this case and I don't think it's 4 necessary to proffer. If you would like me to proffer 5 Mr. Pereria's testimony --6 THE COURT: Well, I had the benefit of an entire 7 trial. 8 MR. CAMPO: I understand that, Your Honor, so I 9 think --10 THE COURT: Let me hear if there's anyone else who 11 wants to speak about the motion. 12 MR. LEVY: Your Honor, I have just one small issue to 13 14 raise. THE COURT: Then, again, this on behalf of BRT? 15 MR. LEVY: No, Your Honor, I'm Richard Levy on behalf 16 RUD Development which is --17 THE COURT: I'm sorry, which --18 MR. GEROLD: RUD Development. 19 THE COURT: Oh, of course. 20 MR. LEVY: Your Honor will recall that RUD was the --21 THE COURT: Can we turn to this --22 MR. LEVY: This relates to that. 23 THE COURT: This relates to the settlement? 24 MR. LEVY: It relates to the settlement. 25

THE COURT: As opposed to the separate relief that they've sought in their supplementary --

MR. LEVY: No. It does relate to the settlement.

THE COURT: Okay. Fine.

MR. LEVY: Your Honor will recall that as a result of the auction process held in this court on December 21st, this settlement emerged and supplanted the trustee's proposal to proceed with a contracted sale to RUD Development for the three properties at an accumulated price of 8.8 million dollars.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. LEVY: Which called for a two percent breakup fee. That two percent breakup fee is now contemplated to be included in -- is in the settlement order and is contemplated to be paid at closing. At the tail end of the hearing on December 21st, Your Honor, we had an exchange on the record where I advised the Court that the RUD contract had a drop-dead date of January 15th to close. We agreed to extend that date, at Mr. Campo's request, to April 30th and to remain in place as the standby purchaser, if you will, in case this settlement doesn't close.

What I'm rising to confirm, Your Honor, is the understanding that my clients have, when we were here on December 21st, is that this settlement closes by April 15th; we agree to stay in place until April 30th. In the event that this settlement doesn't close, there's a closing on the sale to

us following an April 15th drop-dead date. I'm not sure that that's been made clear yet today, but that was surely the understanding that I thought we were proceeding with on December 21st.

MR. CAMPO: Your Honor, I can't disagree with

Mr. Levy's interpretation of that; that is what we had agreed

to. And in particular now, Your Honor, since assuming Your

Honor's going to approve the settlement at that point and since

there are no controversies throughout the hearing, that order

should become final and unappealable within ten days after its

entry. At that point we are going to—

THE COURT: Well, I had one issue with what Mr. Levy said, and maybe I just heard it wrong. Normally, when you have a backup bidder the bidder, obviously, can walk at the date that they've agreed with you that they can walk. But normally it's in the trustee's discretion whether to close with a backup bidder or not. Usually they do because — they do close because the trustee generally wants to do that, but I don't know whether there was anything more that Mr. Levy was suggesting, i.e., does the trustee have to close on the 15th?

MR. CAMPO: Right. And, Your Honor, I guess what I'm

THE COURT: On the 30th, excuse me, before the 30th.

MR. CAMPO: -- maybe overstated my statement about

agreeing with Mr. Levy. There is not question that we

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acknowledge that Mr. Levy's the backup bidder. There's no question that Mr. Levy is staying in until the 30th to remain as the backup bidder. There's no obligation by the trustee, under this order, to close with Mr. Levy but if we didn't close with Mr. Levy we'd have to give him his stalking horse then.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LEVY: And, Your Honor, I had spoken with Mr. Campo, prior to this hearing, that on the assumption that the trustee would intend to close with RUD Development in the event of a failed closing here that the one procedural item that would need -- on the loop that would need to be closed is approval of the RUD contract at a hearing before Your Honor where we could demonstrate our bona fides for good faith findings because that would be a condition proceeding, obviously, to our closing.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. LEVY: And I'm wondering, Your Honor, two things. One, should we set a holding date in order to do that to make sense to me, and I think Mr. Campo had agreed in our exchange that that did make sense. Two, I'm a little concerned that the language of the settlement agreement and its conditions to closing seems to allow the trustee the ability, if this order isn't final by April 15th, to extend closing date some --

THE COURT: No, but that's fine. I mean at that point, as Mr. Campo says, he's paid for that -- he's paid you

all for that -- yeah, with breakup fee.

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MR. CAMPO: That's correct, Your Honor.

THE COURT: So I could give you a holding date of Monday, the 28th of April.

MR. MAY: Your Honor, I just want to raise one issue in light of what Mr. Levy said and this is, I guess, a little bit of a concern on our part. One of the requirements for us to close is that an order be final and unappealable and the trustee has the right to extend that in his option. There aren't any objections, as we stand here now, to this application which I believe have not been resolved. So in my view, I don't think anyone has standing to file an appeal, but that's just my own personal view.

THE COURT: You're probably right.

MR. MAY: Okay.

THE COURT: Assuming the order is consistent with what's going on in the records.

MR. MAY: As long as Mr. Levy confirms that I'm right, I'm happy. Because I don't want the situation here to end up with somehow an appeal is filed by his client and --

THE COURT: No, he wouldn't do that. Well, he might as well confirm that right now.

MR. LEVY: Your Honor, we have no interest in -- we have, obviously, the right to buy the property but we've allowed this process to go on and didn't contest the process

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THE COURT: Mr. May's a very careful lawyer. So --

MR. LEVY: I feel much better, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LEVY: Monday the 28th, Your Honor?

THE COURT: Yeah. And, again, that's just a holding

date.

MR. LEVY: Is there a place or time for that, Your

Honor?

THE COURT: Ten o'clock.

MR. LEVY: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. CAMPO: I, for one, wouldn't want to be here if he was to file, Your Honor.

MR. LEVY: Thank you, Your Honor.

anything to say on the motion? Okay. As I noted a few minutes ago, this is one of the rare -- some of the motions where the Court is actually going through not only some preliminary stages in the litigation but a full trial and considerable briefing, although not complete briefing with posttrial submissions. In light of that, and, obviously, I have a good sense of the merits of the litigation and the defenses and rights asserted by the Irgang entities and I conclude in light of that that this settlement is fair and reasonable for the debtors' respective estates and that it is in the best interest

The only objections which were of a limited of the debtors. nature to the proposed settlement have all been resolved on the record by either clarifying statements or changes that will be reflected in the order that's ultimately submitted. consequently this stands as an unopposed settlement that's reflected, I believe, in the analysis of the merits as well as the fact that it was negotiated at arm's length by sophisticated parties including a sophisticated Chapter 11 It's clear for the record now that the order that's Trustee. going to be submitted is consistent with the settlement agreement including specifically paragraph 4(c) of that agreement and that not only is that relief not objected to but I believe it's appropriate in respect of third-party rights as paragraph 4(c) is consistent with Section 363(f) of the bankruptcy code. There was a related portion of the relief sought in respect to the backup bidder and a breakup fee that I believe is properly or would be properly due and owing under the circumstances set forth in respect of the request for approval of the breakup fee given the context of this matter and in particular how the trustee ultimately arrived at this settlement which was in a context of multiple parties bidding for certain of the properties at issue here in a clear unofficial but still very meaningful auction setting. So, again. I have no problem approving under the terms that the trustee's agreed to the breakup fee for the backup bidder which

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is in terms of the amount of the fee consistent with the practice in the court. So as a practical matter I believe that Mr. Campo should circulate the revised order to the counsel who've appeared here. He can, if he wants to, in fact he probably should, circulate it first to the Irgangs but by any -- no matter what he chooses to do he should definitely copy the counsel who are here when you submit the order to go to the Court so that they can -- if they want to take issue with whether it's consistent with what was laid out on the record.

MR. CAMPO: Your Honor, thank you very much.

THE COURT: Are we going to have -- is there anything to be had on the pretrial conference?

MR. CAMPO: On all of the pretrials, Your Honor, I've had further meetings with all of the attorneys who did -- who have not had these discussions with me previously. I had them when we were waiting for the calendar and everybody has agreed that we were going to proceed along the same lines that we had done with the last batch, which is that we'll kick everything over to the 18th. Now, I recognize, Your Honor, that will create an enormous number of pretrials that would theoretically be on the calendar. I would suspect that none of them will come onto the calendar but what I will do is I will provide to the Court a updated status chart for everything that's going to be on on the 18th. I believe we've set the 18th as the return

date for default motions for those parties who haven't answered or otherwise reached and contacted us.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CAMPO: And we will use the 18th as a date if necessary, Your Honor, to ask for the Court's assistance if we haven't either settled or agreed to a formal discovery schedule with the defendants.

THE COURT: Okay. So you'll be talking with these defendants about a discovery schedule too?

MR. CAMPO: I will be speaking with multiple defendants over the course of the next two weeks about either resolving or getting an agreed upon discovery schedule which we will not ask the Court to so order unless any of the defendants either believe it's necessary or if we think it might be necessary if we're concerned about parties living up to it.

THE COURT: Okay. Well, you should definitely memorialize it somehow even if it's not going to be so ordered.

MR. CAMPO: Oh, it will be memorialized. The only question is that we didn't want to burden the Court with having so order fifty scheduling stipulations.

THE COURT: Unless either party to the dispute wants it.

MR. CAMPO: Right. And now, Your Honor, if I may, there is one issue that I would bring to the Court's attention although the pretrial wasn't on today. It was the Homehaven

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                MR. CAMPO: That will be all of the adversaries.
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                THE COURT: But you'll be in contact with people as
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                MR. CAMPO: Whether there's going to be --
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                THE COURT: -- you would want to say anything. I --
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                MR. CAMPO: Yeah. I'll be here but I will certainly
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want to come or not.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. CAMPO: But my hope would be that there'll be very few of those people here.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. LEVY: Your Honor, there's one other adversary proceeding that doesn't fit easily into the massive proceedings that are being carried. That's the adversary proceeding that Mr. Shapiro, the 125th owner, commits against the trustee and RUD Development alleging violation of its original contract to purchase the property. I see Mr. Nutovic, as plaintiff's counsel, has left --

THE COURT: I haven't seen that.

MR. LEVY: He filed a motion to dismiss that complaint.

THE COURT: I haven't seen that proceeding. I'm not that familiar with it, so.

MR. LEVY: Can we just -- because if someone shows today as an initial pretrial, could we just carry that out to March 18th as well?

THE COURT: There's a motion to dismiss that's been filed?

MR. LEVY: We filed -- my client has just filed a motion to dismiss.

THE COURT: Do you have a return date?

47 MR. LEVY: We have a return date of March 14th. Ιt 1 may well be, Your Honor, that we're going to try to kick that a 2 3 little bit to adjust the briefing. THE COURT: All right. Well, if it stays on the 14th 4 then we'll have that be the pretrial. If it's moved then we'll 5 have a pretrial without one on the same date as the motion to 6 7 dismiss. MR. LEVY: For a --8 THE COURT: Why don't you tell Mr. Nutovic that? 9 MR. CAMPO: We will, Your Honor. 10 THE COURT: Judge Gerber has an interesting opinion 11 on your fairing with sales in, I believe, Adelphia. 12 MR. CAMPO: Thank you, Your Honor. 13 (Time noted: 12:24 PM) 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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